# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# LABOUR
# LOK SABHA

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MINIMUM WAGE AND CHILD LABOUR
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:**

(a) whether lack of education amongst the labour class and population explosion are the root causes for an increase in child labour;

(b) if so, whether a seminar on `Minimum Wages and Child Labour` was held recently;

(c) if so, the main recommendations made in the seminar; and

(d) the concrete steps being taken to root out the Child Labour from the country?

## Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) : Child Labour is a complex socio-economic problem, which needs sustained efforts over a long period of time. Considering the nature and magnitude of the problem and the constraints on resources, a gradual, progressive and sequential approach has been adopted for withdrawal of children from work and their rehabilitation.

(b) : Government has not organized any seminar on the subject mentioned.

(c) : Does not arise.

(d) : Government of India has been implementing two schemes, for rehabilitation of Children withdrawn from work, namely the scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) and the scheme of Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organizations. The major activity under NCLPs is running special schools/centres for rehabilitation of childrenwithdrawn from work through non-formal education, vocational training, nutrition, health care, stipend etc. 93 Projects are currently under implementation for rehabilitation of nearly 2.00 lakh children. Under the Scheme of Grants-in-aid, funds are released to Voluntary Organisations, on the recommendation of the concerned State Government, for taking up action oriented projects for the benefit of children withdrawn from work.

Under the Child Labour (Prohibition& Regulation) Act, 1986 employment of children below the age of 14 is prohibited in 13 occupations and 51 processes. Employers employing children in occupations and processes prohibited under the Act are liable for prosecution.

Activities for awareness generation, including through the media, is also an important component of the strategy for elimination of child labour.